



Docket No.: 6858P021X

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

STEPHEN J. BROWN

Application No.: 09/496,893

Filed: February 2, 2000

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING
DISEASE-INFLUENCING GENES**

Art Group: 1631

Examiner: Ardin Marschel

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully Petitions the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to August 25, 2004, from the Office Action dated February 25, 2004. The petition filing fee of \$950.00 and an Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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Respectfully submitted,

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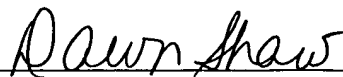
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